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SUBJECT: VISIT - ADL MISSION

1. ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE (ADL) OFFICERS HAVE APPROACHED MOROCCO DESK CONCERNING VISIT TO MOROCCO AND ISRAEL THEY ARE SPONSORING IN CONJUNCTION WITH PROMINENT LEADERS OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY.

2. WASHINGTON OFFICE OF ADL AND LEONARD ZAKIM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL OFFICE OF ADL IN BOSTON, ARE ORGANIZING GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 20-25 REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS AREAS OF THE U.S. FOR PURPOSES OF FAMILIARIZING BLACK AND JEWISH COMMUNITIES WITH MODERATE ARAB PERSPECTIVE ON ARAB/ISRAEL SITUATION. THEY HAVE SELECTED MOROCCO TO VISIT IN VIEW OF KING HASSAN'S CURRENT LEADERSHIP OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE AND IN RECOGNITION OF SUCCESSFUL VISIT BY ADL IN DECEMBER 1983/JANUARY 1984 IN CONJUNCTION WITH CODEL LELAND.

3. PROPOSED ITINERARY:

-- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 - DEP U.S.,
-- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - ARR CASABLANCA, PROCEED TO RABAT,
-- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 - DEP MOROCCO LATE

AFTERNOON,

-- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - ARR ISRAEL,
-- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 - DEP ISRAEL.

4. FYI. BLACK LEADERS (15-17) INCLUDE A CITY COUNCILOR FROM BOSTON, A RADIO STATION OWNER FROM NEW ORLEANS, EDUCATORS FROM HOUSTON, AND PROMINENT MEMBERS OF ATLANTA AND KANSAS CITY BLACK COMMUNITIES. ANDREA YOUNG, DAUGHTER OF ANDY YOUNG AND AN AIDE TO SENATOR KENNEDY, WILL PARTICIPATE. ADL ORGANIZERS HAVE MET WITH CORETTA SCOTT KING WHO BLESSED MISSION. BALANCE OF MISSION (8-10) WILL CONSIST OF PROMINENT MEMBERS OF JEWISH COMMUNITY. ZAKIM WILL LEAD THE MISSION. END FYI.

5. FOR TEL AVIV: ARRANGEMENTS IN ISRAEL WILL BE MADE THROUGH ADL LOCAL OFFICE WHICH WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY BRIEFING FOR GROUP.

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6. FOR RABAT: ACCORDING TO ZAKIM, GROUP WOULD LIKE TO MEET CROSS SECTION OF MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT/MEDIA/ACADEMIC CIRCLES FOR EXPOSURE TO ARAB AND ISLAMIC ATTITUDES ON RANGE OF MIDDLE EASTERN QUESTIONS. ZAKIM EMPHASIZES THAT ADL REGARDS MISSION AS AN EDUCATIONAL TRIP. HE POINTED OUT THAT A NUMBER OF THE BLACK PARTICIPANTS ARE MINISTERS WITH WIDE RANGING INFLUENCE AND LARGE CONSTITUENCIES IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY BUT WHO HAVE HAD LITTLE PREVIOUS DIRECT EXPOSURE TO ISSUES.

5. ACTION REQUESTED RABAT: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AS TO FEASIBILITY OF DESIRED SCHEDULE AND TIMING.

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